को 50:50 आधार पर सहायता प्रदान की जाती है । इसके अतिरिक्त, पहचान किये गये बंधुआ श्रमिकों के प्रभावी पुनर्वास हेतु संसाधनों के एकीकरण के लिए राज्य सरकारों को केन्द्र प्रायोजित योजना के अंतर्गत उपलब्ध सहायता को विभिन्न गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रमों के अन्तगत उपलब्ध निधियों के साथ उचित समन्वयन की सलाह दी गई है। कुछ राज्य जसे आन्ध्र प्रदेश बंधुआ बाल श्रमिकों को आश्रम स्कूलों/रिहायशी स्कूलों आदि में प्रवेश देने में प्राथमिकता देते हैं जहां उन्हें अध्ययन की सुविधाएं प्रदान की जाती है ।

**Imports and Exports of commodities**

*294. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1999 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th March, 1995 and state :

(a) the number of commodities imported during the last three years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon during this period;

(c) the number of commodities exported during the last three years; and

(d) what concrete steps are being taken by Government to improve the balance of payment of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). For recording the data on foreign trade. India is following an eight digit classification system, known as Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System developed by Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) Brussels. The export-import commodities identified with the ultimate eight-digit level codes of I*TC* (HS) and counted as such were in the following number during the last three years :

| | 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 (April-November) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Export . | 8049 | 8286 | 8021 |
| Import . | 5961 | 6206 | 6030 |

The total imports (estimated by DGCI&S), i.e. foreign exchange value of imports, during the last three years is given below:—

| | US$ Million | Rs. Crore |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 . . . | 21882 | 63375 |
| 1993-94 . . . | 23306 | 73101 |
| 1994-95* (April-Feb.) . . | 25063 | 78635 |

*Provisionl Figures.

(d) Recent years' performance of external sector has vindicated India's balance of payments strategy of pursuing a prudent current account deficit. The country has followed a cautious approach towards full capital account convertibility, maintaining foreign exchange reserves, management of external debt with the objective of discouragement of short-term borrowings, a stable exchange rate, encouragement of foreign direct investment and other flows and, above all, strong export growth.

**Decline in Export Growth rate is Comparison to Targetted Growth rate**

!295. SHRI J. S. RAJU:
MAULANA OBAIDULLLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 898 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether export growth rate has declined below the targetted growth rate during the financial year 1994.95;

(b) if so, the details of monthly quarterly growth rate of exports during the years in comparison to the corresponding period for the last year; and